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FOR EUR/ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL

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LSUBJ: FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS ON ASSISTANT

SECRETARY STOESEL'S NOVEMBER 14 MEETING WITH EC

POLITICAL DIRECTORS

REF: THE HAGUE 4714

1. AT THE END OF MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9 WITH DCM ON ANOTHER

SUBJECT FONOFF POLITICAL

DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN NOTED

THAT DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS WOULD GIVE THE DEPT THE EC'S
REVISION OF ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCI-

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PLES. VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT IN THE INTEREST OF EXPEDITING THE

EDITING PROCESS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE DEPT COULD MAKE AVAILABLE ANY COUNTER-PROPOSALS REGARDING THE REVISED ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS PRIOR TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL'S NOVEMBER 14 MEETING WITH EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS.

2. URE THE POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS DCM REEMPHASIZED THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE WHICH WASHINGTON ATTACHES TO THE CONCEPTS OF QUOTE PARTNERSHIP UNQUOTE AND QUOTE INTER-DEPENDENCE UNQUOTE. THEY WOULD BOTH HAVE TO BE EMBODIED IN THE DECLARATION, CN THE DCM'S VIEW, AND ANY ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE PROPOSALS BY THE EUROPEANS WOULD HAVE TO CONVEY THE SAME MEANING. VAN LYNDEN REACTED WITH SOME CONCERN, HOPING THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE ALTERNATIVE TERM TO PARTNERSHIP.

3. WHILE, AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, THE DUTCH WOULD HAVE NO CONCEPTUAL PROBLEMS WITH QUOTE PARTNERSHIP UNQUOTE OR QUOTE INTER-DEPENDENCE UNQUOTE IF LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES IT IS SIGNIFICANT VAN LYNDEN HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT IN THESE RECENT CONTACTS TO BLAME THE FRENCH AS THE PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK. THE DUTCH ARE OBVIOUSLY HOPING RATHER DESPERATELY FOR A US-EC AGREEMENT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. CONVERSELY THEY FEEL THAT ANY SERIOUS DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE EC AND US ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES COULD ONLY COMPOUND THE NETHERLANDS' POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM ITS ISOLATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST.
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